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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated January 2, 2004, for which a response was due on April 2, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 2, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawing includes changes to Figure 1 in accordance with the draftspersons remarks.

Attachment: Replacement sheet

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